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SUBJECT: SWEDEN REPLY TO DEMARCHE: SEEKING ADDITIONAL DONOR SUPPORT FOR AMISOM AND SOMALIA SECURITY SECTOR REFORM

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On March 20, poloff delivered reftel demarche to MFA Somali Desk Officer Anna Harrell. She said Sweden pledged in 2008 an unearmarked contribution of USD 1.5 million to AMISOM. AMISOM has yet to use the funds. Harrell said the fund allocation expires April 1, 2009 and the Africa Union (AU) must ask Sweden for an extension to use the funds or a new contribution. She said the AU has many problems and "is unable to receive contributions in an affective way." Swedish officials are eager to ensure AMISOM is successful and when they visit Nairobi they regularly meet with AU representatives.

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